

United States Department of the Interior

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Department of the Interior Acquisition Policy Release (DIAPR) 1998 - 5, Amendment 1

Subject: The Authorization of Direct Awards to 8(a) Contractors

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this DIAPR is to notify contracting personnel that the current Memorandum of Understanding with the Small Business Administration (MOU) has been extended.
2. **Effective Date.** Effective upon issuance.
3. **Expiration Date.** September 30, 1999.
4. **Background and Explanation.** The current MOU redelegates to warranted contracting officers the authority to award contracts directly to program participants under the 8(a) Program. Since the MOU was in effect for only one year, SBA has issued an extension of the MOU in order to allow more time to draft a more permanent document.
5. **Action Required.** Immediate distribution of this policy release to all contracting officers.


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Office of Acquisition and Property
Management

Attachment

Amendment 1

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
and the
Department of the Interior

I. PURPOSE


This amendment is issued pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The purpose of this amendment is to extend the term of the MOU. All other portions of the MOU remain unchanged.

VII. TERM.

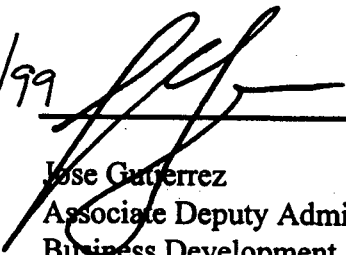
The expiration date is hereby extended until September 30, 1999.

XI. ACCEPTANCE.

As provided under the authority of the MOU, the undersigned parties hereby accept the terms of this amendment.



Senior Procurement Executive
Department of the Interior



Jose Gutierrez
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